

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY. *Cont.*

FLUVANNA COUNTY (Scott C. Byars):
Producers are asking about drought assistance. Some are already feeding their 1st cutting hay crop. Most have said they have only harvested 50 to 25% less than last year. Others are really concerned that they are going to need to feed grain soon.

ACCOMACK COUNTY (James N. Belote):
Badly needed rains have broken the drought. We have seen some heavy rains at 2 inches plus in certain areas, while others received less than .75 to 1 inch total. Barley harvest should start next week once things dry out. The wheat crop is looking better, and should be average or above. Activity is heavy in caring for summer tomatoes and preparing fields for fall tomatoes. The potato crop looks good. The soybean crop is off to a good start.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (David Moore):
Corn fields suffered from several concerns this spring, mostly associated with cool conditions that stalled the crop. Wheat yield possibilities look more "above average" now than they did 1 to 2 months ago. If rains don't damage the crop, yields and quality should be good to very good. Corn has begun to look better. Warmer temps and some N dribbled have turned the crop around. Now we need some timely rains around pollination and silking to make a good crop. Veggies look

good. Tomatoes, peppers, and cantaloupes are growing very well and have begun to look even better since the warmer weather. Barley harvest is well underway and will most likely be completed by early next week. Yields are reported to be good to very good.

NEW KENT COUNTY (Paul Davis):
Activities included planting full-season soybeans, sidedressing corn, spraying herbicides on soybeans, harvesting barley, and spraying corn herbicides.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY (Sam Johnson):
Showers were very spotty across the county and area. Some places got inches, some tenths, some nothing. Soil conditions and crops are quite variable. Corn that got rain and had been side dressed took off and growth and color look good. Dryer areas look a bit stressed. Corn sidedressing continued. A few more full-season beans were planted. Showers held up barley harvest for some, a few could cut barley. Next week we should see barley harvest gear up. Vegetable planting and harvesting continued. Strawberries are just about over. We have had a long season with the dry weather. Vegetable harvest includes squash, green beans, potatoes, and spring onions. Some hay was cut and some got rain on



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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2006

The Commonwealth of Virginia experienced another week of spotty rains; however, conditions still remain dry in most areas of the state. Days suitable for field work were 6.0. The average temperature during the week was 67.1 degrees, with average precipitation below normal. Soil conditions and crop conditions varied across the state. The first cutting of hay continues to be less than desired, and prospects for a good summer crop are poor. Livestock producers are concerned about the lack of hay, and are preparing to buy supplemental feed in fear of an insufficient hay crop. Dry soil conditions in some areas hindered corn and tobacco growth, and slowed soybean planting. Tomato producers were busy tending to summer tomatoes and preparing fields for the fall crop. Reports say the potato crop looks good. Barley harvest is underway with reports of a promising yield. Other farm activities this week included sidedressing corn, spraying herbicides, and harvesting vegetables.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 14, 2006	4	20	66	10
May 21, 2006	4	22	71	3
May 28, 2006	8	30	61	1
June 4, 2006	9	40	51	0
June 11, 2006	14	45	41	0

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2006

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure from	TOTAL	Departure from	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	84	42	64	-6	0	-0.75	0
Warrenton	83	51	68	-3	0.27	-0.57	2
Winchester 7 SE	85	43	64	-5	0.16	-0.75	1
Dale Enterprises	81	47	64	-6	0.29	-0.41	3
WESTERN							
Glasgow	85	51	66	-4	0.6	-0.16	3
Roanoke AP	85	54	68	-3	0.67	-0.1	2
Waynesboro	82	49	64	-4	0	-0.64	0
Staunton AG	80	51	65	-3	0.2	-0.44	3
CENTRAL							
Charlottesville	87	51	68	-4	0.04	-0.84	1
Piedmont Res ST	85	52	68	-3	0.34	-0.45	2
Bremo Bluff	88	49	68	-3	0	-0.85	0
Richmond AP	86	58	72	-2	0.55	-0.24	3
EASTERN							
Eastville	80	60	70	-3	1	0.3	3
Wallops Island	80	56	68	-4	0.61	-0.06	4
Williamsburg	84	57	70	-3	0.08	-0.85	2
Keysville	90	52	70	0	0.02	-0.86	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	78	48	63	-3	0.26	-0.53	3
Wytheville	76	46	61	-6	0.65	-0.05	4
Saltville	80	46	64	-3	1.25	0.34	3
Richlands	78	47	63	1	0.82	-0.09	2
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	85	52	68	-2	0.48	-0.5	3
Danville AG	87	56	70	-4	0.75	-0.09	1
Chatham	85	48	65	-4	0.71	-0.08	3
Martinsville	83	49	65	-5	1.01	0.17	6
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	84	63	72	-2	0.76	-0.08	3
Oceana	84	58	72	-2	0.81	-0.03	4
Emporia	84	57	70	-1	0.23	-0.75	3
Newport News	85	59	71	-2	0.3	-0.54	3

Departure from normal based on 1961-90 normals.

Precipitation Days=Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	8	24	31	32	5
Livestock	1	5	21	64	9
Other Hay	10	34	30	22	4
Alfalfa Hay	4	21	35	34	6
Corn	0	10	28	51	11
Winter Wheat	2	8	40	45	5
Barley	1	9	36	48	6
Flue-cured Tobacco	2	15	33	50	0
Burley Tobacco	0	0	1	89	10
Dark Fire-cured Tobacco	1	20	55	24	0
Peanuts	0	0	14	86	0
Cotton	0	18	35	47	0
All Apples	0	0	21	75	4
Peaches	0	6	38	53	3
Grapes	0	1	8	91	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT-WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Corn Emerged	97	94	95	95
Corn Silked	3	NA	0	0
Soybeans Planted	59	49	56	52
Soybeans Emerged	42	29	45	33
Winter Wheat Harvested	9	2	9	9
Barley Harvested	31	7	16	33
Tobacco, Burley Transplanted	91	73	87	84
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured Transplanted	96	86	99	92
Peanuts Planted	96	94	99	99
Cotton Squaring	10	NA	0	6

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

Comments are based on comments reported by Extension Agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

CAMPBELL COUNTY (Scott Reiter):

Rains have been very spotty over the last week. Amounts ranged from a trace to nearly 1.5 inches. Overall, conditions have not been very good for crop growth. Tobacco growth is very slow for June and is essentially just sitting there. Prospects for a summer hay crop are very poor at this point. Many beef producers are lining up supplemental feed sources for their herds.

CAROLINE COUNTY (McGann Saphir):

Producers are harvesting barley and planting soybeans. Barley test weights are moderate to poor. Soil conditions are extremely dry. Corn is stressed and soybean planting has slowed. Pastures and hayfields are "browning out".